

CUSHIONING SELF-CLOSING PACKAGING MATERIAL

ABSTRACT

The present invention relates to a new packaging material in the form of a unitary laminate sheeting. The package-forming material comprises a unitary sheeting of a first paper layer laminated to a water-impermeable plastic film for forming a package which encloses and seals an article therein. The film and paper layer advantageously have the same dimensions, and the laminate has a surface that is receptive to receiving adhesive or cohesive materials. A coating of cohesive material covers at least a portion of one of the first and second outer surfaces, and the packaging material can be placed about an article to be packaged such that a first portion of the surface of the packaging material that includes cohesive material contacts another portion of the surface that includes cohesive material to adhere such portions to each other and form a sealed package which encloses the article. Also, the adhered cohesive portions can form an adhered band which completely surrounds the article to be packaged.